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SUBJECT: ITU: BROADCAST SATELLITE CONFERENCE: ITALIAN VIEW

1. CCIR DIRECTOR KIRBY ADVISED MISSION OFFICER THAT HE WAS APPROACHED BY TERZANI, A CCIR STUDY GROUP CHAIRMAN AND HIGH ITALIAN TELECOMS OFFICIAL REGARDING LATTER'S MISGIVINGS ABOUT U.S. AIMS AT SUBJECT CONFERENCE.

2. TERZANI STATED TO KIRBY THAT IN TALKS WITH TWO SEPARATE U.S. OBSERVERS (NEITHER OF THEM FROM STATE) AT KHARTOUM SEMINAR, HE GOT IMPRESSION THAT U.S. WAS DEAD SET AGAINST ANY A PRIORI PLANS FOR REGIONS 1 AND 3 AS WELL AS REGION 2. WHILE TERZANI CAN UNDERSTAND U.S. VIEWS RE REGION 2, HE CANNOT SEE WHY U.S. WISHES TO DENY REGIONS 1 AND 3 RIGHT TO MAKE PLANS FOR THEIR REGIONS. HE STATED RIGID U.S. ADHERENCE TO THIS VIEW WILL FORCE WESTERN EUROPEANS INTO MAKING COMMON CAUSE WITH SOVIETS WHICH THEY DO NOT WISH TO DO.

3. TERZANI ALSO CANNOT UNDERSTAND U.S. INSISTENCE THAT CONFERENCE MUST REVISE RADIO REGULATIONS, PARTICULARLY INASMUCH AS U.S. AND CANADIAN PROPOSALS TO ADD THIS ITEM TO AGENDA HAD BEEN DEFEATED ON FOUR SEPARATE OCCASIONS IN THE PAST.

4. OTHER WESTERN EUROPEANS (UNSPECIFIED), TERZANI NOTED, SHARED HIS VIEWS AND WERE VERY TROUBLED ABOUT POSSIBLE U.S. ACTIONS AT CONFERENCE. THESE POSSIBLE ACTIONS WILL BE ON AGENDA OF CEPT MEETING ON CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BE HELD NEXT

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WEEK ON CANARY ISLANDS. IN ADVANCE OF THIS MEETING, TERZANI

INFORMED KIRBY THAT HE INTENDED TO REQUEST SOME CLARIFICATION
OF U.S. POSITION THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS - POSSIBLY VIA
U.S. EMBASSY, ROME.

5. SHOULD TERZANI APPROACH BE MADE, MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE
BEING INFO ADDRESSEE ON ANY COMMUNICATIONS EXCHANGED.

6. IN ADDITION, MISSION WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE SPECIFIC
GUIDANCE ON HOW TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS RE PARA THREE ABOVE,
AS WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED SEVERAL INQUIRIES. CATTO

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